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## Jr. Highway Engr. Training Program Wins Approval

Another in Series of On-the-Job Training Programs For Veterans

An additional on-the-job training program is about to be set up in this Department for the position to be known as "Junior Highway Engineer (trainee)". The setting up of this program was suggested by Special Engineer, Julius J. Newmark, and has been approved by the Civil Service Commission, by Commander Noble and by Commissioner Miller. It was ratified by the Department of Education and became effective on or about the 15th of September, 1947.

The preliminary qualifications for admission to this program are: graduation from high school plus two years experience in civil engineering, or two years in an engineering school, or a combination of the two. The entrance salary for this position will be \$150 per month to be paid by the State plus subsistence to be paid by the Veterans Administration. The present regulations of the Veterans Administration limit the total amount of salary and subsistence to trainees to the sum of \$175 per month for single veterans without dependents and to \$200 per month for married veterans or veterans with dependents.

Any Engineering Aide veterans in this Department who are interested in entering this program should write to Mr. Newmark, Special Engineer, at once and enclose a new application blank showing their education, training, experience, and other qualifications up to date. They also will be expected to secure from the Veterans Administration a certificate of entitlement for education or training. Those veterans who already have secured such a certificate in connection with other courses will have to secure a supplemental certificate.

## Parkway Picture To Be Released By November 1st

New Sound and Color Film Shows the Many Advantages of Parkway Construction

"Parkways of Tomorrow," a natural color sound film depicting the many advantages of parkway construction, will be ready for public distribution on or about November 1st.

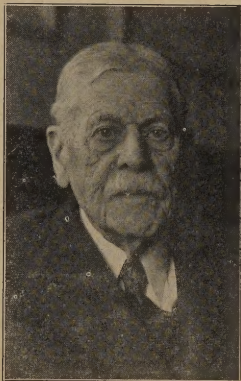
This motion picture contrasts vividly the overcrowded conditions of many of New Jersey's main highways with safe, comfortable driving on parkways of neighboring states. It shows clearly how modern parkways reduce accidents, save time, develop rural areas and offer a solution to the ever-increasing problem of traffic congestion in our highly concentrated urban communities.

Through the medium of this motion picture it is possible to view in full color the beauties of New Jersey's countryside, to glide over the beautiful parkways of New York and Connecticut or, by contrast, to be dropped into the vortex of "America's greatest traffic" in metropolitan North Jersey.

"Parkways of Tomorrow" was produced by the Princeton Film Center in co-operation with the Highway Department. It is a 16 mm. film with a running time of slightly less than thirty minutes.

According to Commissioner Miller, this picture will be available to groups of twenty-five or more of high school age and upward residing in New Jersey. Distribution will be handled by the Princeton Film Center, whose address is Mountain Avenue, Princeton. Groups requesting "Parkways of Tomorrow" should be equipped with a 16-mm. sound projector. The film will be sent prepaid upon request.

## ROBERT A. MEEKER



BOB MEEKER

There is a story told of an American, who visiting England for the first time, stood on London Bridge and watched the boats plying up and down the busy River Thames which runs through the center of London. Presently he engaged in conversation an Englishman who was standing nearby. "The Thames is not nearly as wide as the Hudson between New York and New Jersey," he said with some pride. "Yes," replied the Britisher, "but the Thames is liquid history."

Bob Meeker was living history! He whose passing in his ninety-third year we regret to record was a living link with another century. Indeed, his life spanned an era before there was a road system in New Jersey and the great modern network which he helped to construct.

Born in Plainfield, New Jersey, on September 25, 1854, he was a small child when the Civil War began; he was a youth of eleven when Abraham Lincoln died.

Graduated from the Plainfield High School in the first class, he went on to Rutgers College from which he was graduated in 1875. From Rutgers he entered the School of Mines at Lehigh University where he also distinguished himself as an athlete as a member of the university track team, specializing in long distance running and walking. At the time of his death, Robert Meeker was the oldest living alumnus of both Rutgers and Lehigh Universities. After his graduation from these two universities he went to Mexico and South America where he spent a number of years in mining and engineering work. He returned to America and Union County, New Jersey, in 1886, where he supervised the construction of the first forty miles of good roads in that county. In 1891 he was made the city engineer of Plainfield.

At the turn of the century he was appointed supervisor of roads for New Jersey and had much to do with the early macadam road construction. It was said of him that much of the success of the early road building program in this state was due to his sound, if at times radical, notions concerning highway drainage. "A road is no better than its drainage," was his general philosophy. The proof of his philosophy is the fact that the roads in New Jersey which he helped construct have stood up because they have been properly drained.

In 1912 he was appointed state highway engineer by Colonel Edwin A. Stevens, the then commissioner of public roads, in which position he continued until 1918 when he resigned and went into private employment. Bob Meeker returned in 1920 to the State Highway Department as the right-of-way engineer where he has served faithfully for the past twenty-seven years.

In recent years he had been associated with the classification of contractors and had an uncanny understanding not only of the capacity of contractors but of the basis of their estimates. Frequently at public biddings he would guess in advance within a very few dollars of the actual estimates of the lowest bidders.

In addition to this linkage with the past Bob Meeker represented the type of public servant whose integrity, ability and far-vision made a contribution of commanding importance to the roadbuilding program of the state. Indeed, it may be said that a proper memorial to his labors is the great highway system to which he made so significant a contribution.

But not only was he a highway engineer and lifelong student of highway engineering, but he was

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## Dr. Cyril Hoyler To Speak Before Engineers' Group

R. C. A. Scientist Will Discuss Television at October Meeting

The Trenton Chapter of the Engineers' Association of the New Jersey State Highway Department will hold its first meeting of the fall and winter seasons on Monday evening, October 6, in the board room of the State House Annex.



In keeping with his announced policy of presenting a series of outstanding programs during the coming year, I. Oliver Doll, president of the Trenton Chapter, has named W. Carman Davis program chairman.

The first of these programs will feature Dr. Cyril Hoyler, research physicist of the Radio Corporation of America in a lecture on television. Dr. Hoyler, who is associated with the laboratories at Penns Neck, has been close to this latest science for many years and has played an important part in its present development. His intimate knowledge of the subject enables him to bring to his listeners a most graphic story, fully illustrated with slides as well as actual equipment.

A large attendance is anticipated for this meeting and President Doll wishes members to feel free to invite a guest. Besides Doll, the officers of the Trenton chapter are: Carl Teegen, 1st vice-president; Sven Hedin, 2nd vice-president; Joseph Cunningham, secretary; Louis Galloni, recording secretary; and Alex Cohen, treasurer.

## State Museum Features Press Exhibit

In connection with the nationwide American Heritage Program, the New Jersey State Museum at Trenton will have on display the panel exhibit on THE AMERICAN PRESS, from September 14th through the 28th, 1947.

This exhibit tells the story of the birth and growth of the newspaper in America and also passes in review the great historic events in the making of our nation.

An exhibition of photographs and three-dimensional work from the public schools of New Jersey, entitled, "New Jersey Children Grow in World Understanding" runs concurrently with the Press Exhibit and will be held over until October 9th.

## MRS. J. EDWARD MINCHER

Mrs. Pauline M. Mincher, of Trenton, wife of Edward Mincher, District Engineer, Public Roads Administration, died on September 9, following a lengthy illness. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Marie S. Mincher; two sons, Edward P. and Joseph T., the latter a summer employee in the Lewis St. office.

Mrs. Mincher has been close to the Highway Department for over twenty-five years and his many friends extend to him their deepest sympathies.

## Opening 8-Lane Express Highway



While Commissioner Miller lends a hand, Mrs. Maxwell Barus cuts the ribbon opening modernized Route 25. Holding the flag in the foreground is Mrs. Margaret H. Durning. Others include Algernon A. Paul, Resident Engineer in Charge, Commander Charles M. Noble, Edward W. Kilpatrick, and Ronald M. Beck.



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## ROBERT A. MEEKER

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a citizen who played an important part in the life of his community. A prominent Mason, he was the recipient of many unusual honors in that fraternal organization. For over 50 years he was a member of the Scottish Rite and Knights Templar.

Bob Meeker is no more! His death on August 15, then in his 93rd year, brought to a conclusion a long and distinguished career not only of a builder of good roads, but as one of the chief architects of the state highway system. He leaves behind him, therefore, a record of distinguished public service as well as an extraordinary record of having served for a longer period of time than any man, past or present, in the service of the State Highway Department.

To the employees of the Highway Department his genial presence and his fatherly counsel will long be remembered. "Pop" Meeker to some, "Uncle Bob" to others, but to all—he was the embodiment of the finest tradition of public service.

*Spencer Miller, Jr.*  
State Highway Commissioner

## SUGGESTION BOX

### Ideas for Suggestions

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How to eliminate unnecessary work and duplication.  
How to simplify office systems and routine.

How to increase production and maintain quality.

How to do the job more safely.

How to improve methods of operation, maintenance and construction.

### How to Submit a Suggestion

On the standard form or any sheet of paper.

Write one suggestion on one form.

Follow the printed instructions on the suggestion form.

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## SURVEY and PLANS

—FRED C. CLAUS.

### LEWIS STREET OFFICE

Joe Cunningham

In spite of vacations and hot weather, construction work still went on and showed excellent progress.

Tom King and party staked out the White Horse Circle for construction and are about due to start taking as-builts. Construction started on this job on July 28 and was opened to traffic on Labor Day. This may establish a construction record.

Frankie Schmidt and party are busy taking as-builts on Route 28 at Whitehouse, where construction is in its final stages. The same applies to Route 25, Robbinsville to Yardville, where Howard Groth and party are holding the fort. Howard lost a good man last week when Bill Reese resigned to accept a more lucrative position with the Schuylkill River Projects of Philadelphia.

Route 25, Hightstown to Cranbury, is well under way with Joe Janeczek and party doing the stake-out. Paving has started and things should move rapidly from now on.

The Trenton Thru Route, Section 1-A, should be advertised in the near future. The plans are ready and the Right-of-Way Division has started preliminary negotiations to acquire the necessary right-of-way.

Carl Slemmer finally found a house and is all settled on White Horse Ave. in Hamilton Square. Thanks to the people who answered our plea in the last issue of THE HIGHWAY.

### PLEASANTVILLE

E. M. Gillette

We are sorry to hear of the death of George Patton's brother's wife, who was killed in an automobile accident on September 8. The brother suffered a broken collar bone and other injuries at the same time. They had recently moved to Whiting, Indiana, from Pittsburgh. The funeral service was held in Vineland.

Frank Carfagno is suffering from his annual attack of hay fever. Frank is so allergic to certain air-borne pollen that his attacks of this malady are pretty



This survey party working on the dualization of Route 25 between Hightstown and Cranbury is composed of Joseph Janeczek, Stanley Runyon, Thomas Tams, and George Woodruff (from left). This group works out of the Lewis Street Office of Survey and Plans in Trenton with Janeczek as chief.

severe. Here's hoping it won't last long this time.

The new Streamliner Ozalid machine has finally been set up and put into operation in the Pleasantville Office. This machine had stood there so many months without being connected that some one put a sign on it, "Do Not Touch—For Exhibit Only."

Max Seckendorff inadvertently played a joke on his wife recently. A few days after the radio announcement that Mrs. Seckendorff had won a carton of soap flakes as a prize, Max took home a five-foot empty carton to pack things in. Maybe Max thought it was April 1.

We hear that Lew Lake just bought another electric refrigerator. How anyone can buy enough food to need two refrigerators, with prices where they are, is more than some of us can understand.

### UPPER MONTCLAIR

Frank J. Spagnola

Hi'yah, Highwayers, hope you all had a nice summer.

As the summer simmered: Roy Bomberger, 6-ft. engineering aide, since June 2, a temporary summer man, will be back at Rutgers (3rd year) at this reading.

Other summer employees: Seymour Gerber, engineering aide, since June 16; John Brackmann, junior highway engineer, since June 19; John Stalder, engineering aide, since July 23. The last two fellows are now back at Newark College of Engineering. We wish them well, all of them.

Engineering Aide Irving Urbach, a Paterson boy, started State Service with us on September 2.

Engineering Aide William Schoenwald came into the Department on June 16. Bill is a Nutley neighbor of our amiable friend, Keith Vogel.

Art Braining, engineering aide, resigned from the department on September 3. Art got himself a new job and on September 13 got married. Good luck, Art!

Sebastian Presty, engineering aide, resigned from service on August 22, went with the telephone company.

Transfers: James Schulster, senior highway engineer, from Division of Planning and Economics on June 13. Jim's now riding with Mr. Kettlewood. Bob Lees, engineering aide, went to construction on June 23, for duty as inspector on the concrete mixer; Resident Highway Engineer "Morry" Radus, here since July 23; John Hulse, assistant district engineer, assigned to this office on July 1.

That C. S. examination for engineering aide, held last June 13, was "rugged" (so our ex-G. I. boys put it). Competitors from here were: Stival, Fredricks, Vaughn, Jr., Lees, Barberis, Art Lincoln, and Bruining.

The State Highway Engineering Association meeting of June 19 was a very good one, and thanks to Matchett, four reels of sport films were shown (fishing, skiing, and duck-hunting). As usual, ice cream and cake were served.

The first annual outing of The Highway Engineering Association was rained out on August 10. Better luck next year.

Harold Weiss has joined this season's fathers club of ours, which now totals seven. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. (It was a girl.)

John Lincoln spent a worried week not so long ago when Mrs. L. underwent an operation. Happy to report all is well now.

Reserve Lieutenant William Schoenwald enjoyed a couple of weeks in July flying Army Air Corps planes at Camp Stewart, N. Y.

Stival visited friends at St. Louis, Mo., last month.

Sanwald basked on the sands of Atlantic City recently.

J. Lincoln looks well after a week at Cranberry Lake.

Fv-Sarge Podwyszynski en-

### PAVING AT NEWARK JUNCTION



This photo, taken by Preston Northrup, shows the heavy traffic which was maintained during the modernization of the Newark Junction intersection of Routes 21-25-29. The work is being performed by Poirier and McLane under the supervision of resident engineer Algernon Paul and his staff of able assistants. In the left foreground is James Parker, veteran mixer inspector.

joyed (?) ten days at Camp Dix maneuvering Army tanks, etc.

Radus spent a week motoring through the New England States.

Kunzler pulled a back-muscle a while ago, but he's as good as new now.

### CRANFORD

James V. Hyde

With the awarding of Section 4 Parkway contract, Archie Van Blarcom has been transferred to construction as the resident engineer in charge. Warren Gould and Ed Young, who have been working out of this office, also have been transferred and will be working with Van on the same job.

Our group has been further depleted with the transfers of Henry Klubenspies and Ted Chamberlain to construction. Henry and Ted are now working on Section 6 under Resident Engineer Emile Benoit.

Speaking of Benoit, on August 15 Emile, Jr., was assigned to the Cranford office as an engineering aide. This now makes a grand total of four Emiles working in this office, Emile Benoit, Emile, Jr., Emile Cecil, and Emil Handzel.

Bill Ehrenfeld was married on August 16, 1947. Congratulations, Bill.

Born a son, Robert Earl, on July 3, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. George L. Mendez. This is their second child.

Kyle Totton, who has been seriously ill, is now reported to be much improved and it is hoped that he will be able to return home in the near future. Tot has been confined to the Mercer Hospital, Trenton, since early in July.

Howard Koons, who holds an Army reserve commission as lieutenant colonel, recently completed an intensive four-week orientation and training period at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Howard says that Army life is now pretty good (four weeks of it, that is).

### TRENTON

Al Cohen

Welcome to Marie Walsh who is now filling the position made vacant by the recent resignation of Lorraine Orland.

The broken arm, just above the wrist, that Charles Ahr fell heir to really comes from running after a bus—believe it or not.

Edith Toth can now be seen at Mary Magline's post. Mary took a leave of absence to be near Joe, Jr., when he arrives sometime in September.

The blood-typing and cataloguing which was done several years ago has proved its worth once again. Recently it was necessary to find someone immediately for a transfusion for Mrs. Mincher, wife of Mr. J. E. Mincher of the Federal Bureau of Public Roads. Several fellows responded readily and two of our stalwarts, Walter Voorhees and Frank Matzer, were the contributors. We regret to report that Mrs. Mincher died on September 9.

### WOODLYNNE

Bill Hurley

E. R. Hagy is now a grandfather and his son, Earl, Jr., is the father. Speaking of fathers, another new father is M. L. Nevius, a new junior engineer in our office from Haddonfield. Both mothers are doing fine.

We have lost some of the men who came with us recently as a result of being unable to meet salary competition for similar work. Joe Philpot and Howard Morrisey went to Texas Oil; George Leonard with Day & Zimmerman; Howard Prickett with Standard Oil; and Carl Hooper left, but we don't know where.

In the absence of F. I. Shoemaker, resident engineer on the Westville job, A. R. Heintze assumed command for a few days.

Ben Franklin is in charge of Route 44, Section 9-B, Verga to Thorofare, and being staked out by George Edwards and party.

John Gerecke reports he is closing in on the construction of his new home in Haddon Heights.

Norman Rigor is enjoying a much earned vacation.



## ELECTRICAL FLASHES

D. J. HENDERSON

Bob Kofoed, drawbridge mechanic in the Northern District, is a sailboat enthusiast. He is an owner of a Star class sailboat, and has made a good showing in several races held in the Raritan Bay.

Joe Hunt has just about fully recovered from a very badly sprained ankle which he sustained while breaking up a dog fight. He says he's really a qualified dogcatcher, but was just caught off guard.

A delegation consisting of Bill Rasmussen, Chet Anderson, Bill Widmann, Don Henderson, Charlie Stecker, Russ Henry and Al Wright attended the Bridge Division outing on Sept. 6. They report that "Hot Dog" Wright consumed 40 hot dogs, which is his usual quota at such affairs, and all enjoyed a swell time.

A hearty welcome to Dorothy Hudak who has rejoined the office staff after a year's absence.

To George Mutzer—who has retired as operator on Route 25M Passaic River Bridge after 20 years service—our best wishes for many years of happy, restful retirement.

Charlie Savastano, bridge operator, who was struck by a vehicle on the Secaucus Bridge several months ago, is now learning to walk all over again. Charlie had a compound leg fracture.

Leonard "Dutch" Liebiech accidentally received a tamp on his big toe, breaking same while tamping the backfill of a trench recently. He is expected to be back with us in a couple of weeks.



Now that winter is not too far off, the following problem might be apropos. It can be solved either arithmetically or by simple algebra.

A twelve quart radiator filled to capacity contains 20% alcohol and 80% water. How much of this mixture would have to be drained off and replaced with pure alcohol in order that the radiator will contain 30% alcohol and 70% water?

In response to numerous requests, we will revert to our original policy of printing solutions the month after the problem appears. It seems that too many liked to peek at the answer rather than wrestle with the problem. And besides, this way leaves a little more room for discussion.

## PROJECTS PARAGRAPHS

E. L. MEYER

Inspector John C. Beck, of Columbia, met with an automobile accident on August 26th in which he suffered a broken shoulder blade and a broken collar bone. He was discharged from Dover General Hospital a few days ago and we are told by Mrs. Beck that John is improving rapidly.

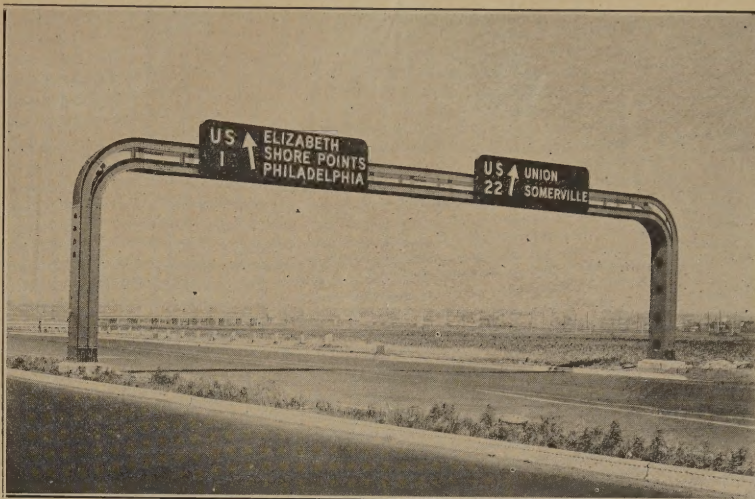
Inspector Ed Banim is also on sick leave, being confined to his home in Paterson.

Inspector Art Quinn contemplating undergoing surgery in the not too distant future.

The Projects Inspectors' Social Club is planning an outing for the near future, but no details are available at this time.

Karl Cubberley recently made his solo flight at the Robbinsville Airport where he is learning to fly under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

## NEW SIGN BRIDGES—DAY AND NIGHT



## BRIDGE BRIEFS

GEO. HEFFERMAN

VACATIONS included Morris Goodkind and family at Lake George . . . The Leffersons to the Maine Woods . . . P. H. Burch and family at Ocean Gate . . . the R. E. Simons at Atlantic City . . . Charles M. Fox to New York's beautiful lake region, Geneva . . . L. C. Petersen and wife to Maine . . . the Lichtenbergs enjoying shorter trips in all directions . . . the Leon Chatters at Cape Cod . . . J. Bryson Bugbee and the Mrs. at the Jersey shore . . . The Kofflers at Atlantic City.

On Paths to Ivy Covered Halls: Robert S. Rowe back to Princeton as associate professor, George Leonard to Rutgers, and Susan Heady to State Teachers College were summer employees; Stae Kanyuh's son Richard Schnorbus, and Ken Yates' daughter, both headed for theological schools; Jack Evans' son Bob to Muhlenberg for that long grind that doctors of medicine must go through; P. H. Burch, Jr., to Rutgers.

The Bridge Division Club's outing at Swartwood Lake on the 6th a big success, the entire department was well represented. William Simon was the only club member to win honors in the athletic contests. Bill proved himself the best in the swimming event for youngsters under 42 years of age. Plans are being formulated for the Bridge Division Club's Annual Dinner and election of officers—a north Jersey location has been proposed.

Wilbur H. Spencer recently won a valuable prize for a story he wrote for radio which was dramatized on a nationwide broadcast.

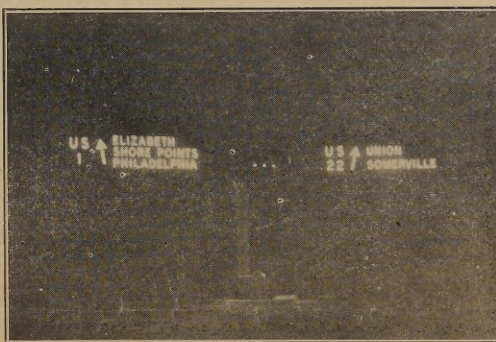
The Division welcomes William Campbell, an engineering aide; Wm. F. Holmstrom, an inspector; and Stanley C. Harrold, a bridge detailer.

We all mourn the death of William M. Tonge, a retired bridge inspector, who recently passed away.

Your reporter, who suffered for quite some time from bursitis on the elbow, was operated on at Mercer Hospital on August 19th, spending a week in that institution.

## TEN YEAR CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

The Ten Year Club has tentatively set November 3 as the date of their Annual Dinner. This comes on a Monday night in keeping with the long established custom of the club. The entertainment committee is already working to make this event an outstanding one, so mark the date down . . . November 3.



## Your M. C. presents— THE LADIES... Bless Them



Ladies, we will withhold her name until our next issue. In all fairness, however, we think you should know that our fair lady's name appears somewhere in this column. Guessing games, no less.

Seems like there are those of us who aren't waiting to be "put out to pasture" come "Pension Time." Three of our girls weighed anchor during the past vacation months. The first to leave us was Mary Mangine, who was followed shortly thereafter by Lorraine Orland. Luncheons for both girls were held at the White Gate . . . Ruth Moran was bid a fond farewell in the Stacy Trent, at which luncheon the various divisions were well represented by Ruth's co-workers: Viola Gallagher, Helen Disbrow, Bernadette McTigue, Margaret Anderson, Jean Anderson, Mabel Beans, Priscilla Burch, Margaret Cullen, Marion O'Hara, Elsie Taylor, Florence Millerick, Jenny Houman, Alice Mayer, Gladys Carlson, Ruth Hill, Mary Harris, Lillian Happ, Anne O'Connor, Marilyn Siddall, Dorothy Hunt, Mary Cunningham, Mary Sheridan, Claire Laczoni and Peg Beatty . . . We might add that the "farewell" theme was not carried to extremes at a party given in Ruth's honor at the home of Mabel Beans. Instead, after the initial toast to the future Moran, and the first rendition of "Bluebird of Happiness," everyone happily

imbibed the spirit(s) of the evening.

Although the song would have us believe that "danger lurks in all of Cupid's arrows," the glowing eyes and sparkling diamonds of Marilyn Siddall and Mary Masarotti are convincingly contradictory. Our very best wishes!

Betty Levie of the Compensation and Claims Office was a member of the stenographic force at the Constitutional Convention in New Brunswick, where she spent most of the summer taking proceedings by stenotype . . . Lorraine Birch of the same office is enjoying good health again, following a successful appendectomy and a vacation at the shore.

Ruth Klotz, formerly with the U.C.C. has taken over the duties of Senior Clerk Stenographer for Mr. Newark, replacing Grace Moore who, in turn, has taken over "principal" duties in her assignment to Mr. Robbins.

Reversing the somewhat familiar "title" . . . pending qualification," the following Highway girls, having passed the recent examination, can be considered "Qualified Principal Clerk-Stenographers—pending . . .": Mary Mangine, Ruth Klotz, Dorothy Jakubisin, Josephine O'Hara, Ruth Hill, Ruth Moran, Claire Laczoni, Florence Millerick, Elsie Taylor.

Mayer's Country Club was featuring nothing more spectacular than kinks in knees until the day Florence Millerick put too much zest in playing the net and let her racket come to rest with a resounding smack on her nose instead of the ball. After first-aid was applied, the game was resumed with (quote Flo) "the hope that the possible fracture might prove to be a godsend!"

From our "younger set," we quote June Mains' observation, "All the girls of seventeen look twenty-five, and those of twenty-five look seventeen." A virtual paradox . . . but your M. C. was more concerned with June's obvious oblivion to those girls over twenty-five! (Should we dig a hole?)

'BYE NOW.

## Maintenance Notes

CHARLES J. DOHERTY

We are very glad to report that Gene Beckner, still away from his duties, continues to show progress. He walked in on us several days ago saying that he had been allowed to go home for the weekend. Apparently the diet he has been on is an excellent one for putting on weight, as he seems to have gained considerably. We hope that it won't be very long now until he is back with us.

Eleanor Elston, recently returned from a trip to Toronto, Canada, visiting relatives, says that she is very much in favor of taking her meals up there, since they are so much cheaper there than here. The writer can well confirm that statement since he had the same experience himself last year. Aside from the meals, though, other things seem to be on a par with our own.

Something new in the way of nicknames has been added. We have it from what might be called unimpeachable sources that Supervisor John Kelly is sometimes more or less affectionately called "Shake-a-Bush." We have heard of the expression "Shake-a-Leg," but never this one. From what we have seen of that section of the State, there don't seem to be very many bushes around—nothing but a few pine trees and plenty of gravel.

Florence Millerick is about to take off for a trip to Quebec. She says that she hopes the weather up there will not be too cool, as she is averse to cold climates. Looks as though red flannels would be in order for her if she wants to stay comfortable.

Paul Ljulich has been absent for several weeks now, busily engaged in taking notes at the New Jersey Constitutional convention. Judging from all the stenographic help being used at the Convention, somebody must have plenty to say. During Paul's absence, Tony DiStefano has been taking over his duties.

Our condolences are extended to the relatives and friends of Peter Simone who passed away recently. Pete worked in Val Burger's gang and had been employed with the Department since 1935.

## Over 300 Attend Annual Outing of Bridge Division

Full Program Enjoyed by Varied Gathering

The annual outing of the Bridge Division Club swung back to pre-war standards on September 6th when 330 employees and friends gathered at Swartwood Lake, near Newton in Sussex County. Represented on this occasion, in addition to Bridge Division men, were county engineers, contractors, material men and members of the staffs.

Since the outing was an afternoon and evening affair, food and drink played an important part in the long program. This was accomplished by serving a buffet lunch followed by a turkey dinner.

A full afternoon of athletic competition was arranged by Sven Hedlin which included baseball, rowing races, swimming races, quoits, shuffleboard, and a score of other contests.

Following the dinner, prizes were awarded to winning contestants and the remainder of the evening was turned over to professional entertainment. The outing was arranged by the following committee: Wilbur Spencer, chairman, John F. Evans, Robert E. Simon, John H. Patrick, and Paul Gabrenas.



PLANNING and ECONOMICS

TRENTON

F. M. Quinn

An analysis of the vacation reports of some of the staff brings to light the following:

W. R. Sonntag returns "well rested" from a train trip to North Carolina; M. Getrel visited Canada and was impressed by the excellent service and reasonable rates; R. J. Nolan drove to Maine where he found that a very short piece of strawberry short-cake costs 35c; C. DeHahn had his first traffic accident—on a Connecticut highway—he blames it on short sight-distance; W. E. Henderson spent his time working around home; C. A. Hurley, Jr. also stayed home—but he lives at the shore; Rita De Vaney enjoyed the beauty of Niagara Falls at night, and visited relatives, while on a motor trip to Canada; J. H. Robinson stayed at Point Pleasant—his motto, See Jersey First; R. E. Vanaman reports nothing exciting occurred on his tour of the New England States. The staff whole-heartedly co-operated in giving expert advice to T. J. Frascella on the overhaul of his car prior to his trip to the Pocono Mts.; O. H. Fritzsche enjoyed a nice rest at Lake Hopatcong; "Q" says they also have some nice highways in the state of Delaware.

Most recent addition to the Trenton office staff is genial Gene Conduso who recently came to us from the Newark office. Welcome, Gene.

It sure is good to see Ed Engelmann back to work after his long siege of eye-trouble at home.

W. R. Bellis has sold his home in North Jersey—now he must find that place in Trenton. W. R. B. is willing to rent the quarters of anyone in the Department who intends to go to Florida for the winter.

NEWARK

Jack Meyer

Once again John Armitage makes the news. This is a happier occasion as he left the ranks of the fast shrinking bachelors Saturday, September 6th.

Among those enjoying vacations are Juan Delgado, Preston Northrop, and Mike Viracola. Juan, not too well pleased with the south, is giving New England a chance this time.

Of interest because of the coverage were the fairly recent vacations of Florence Franke, Fred Guenther, Alfred Maspoli, and yours truly. Florence went north, Fred went west, Al east to Switzerland, and the last one south.

Richard Uth has been taking a day or two at a time to go fishing, while Louise Becker has been extending her week-ends at the shore, usually by taking Mondays.

We regret the loss, through resignations, of Robert Fine, William Henderson, Howard Rigby, and Thomas Vitelli. Bob goes back to the University of Cincinnati; Bill went to a job with the City of Belleville; Howard enters Princeton this fall; and Tom goes back to the Federal Service with the Internal Revenue. Best of luck to all of you.

Booklets Still Available

Engineering employees who do not have a copy of the mimeographed booklet "First Lecture Series, Group Instruction for Field Men" can still obtain them by contacting Julius J. Newmark, Special Engineer, at 205 West State Street, Trenton. Either phone or write.

These little pamphlets contain a great deal of valuable information and should be part of every Highwayman's engineering library.

EQUIPMENT ITEMS

JAMES O'ROURKE

The following Fernwood men are at present on the sick list: Al Kaner, Ed Crawford, Joe Pale, Ed Champion, and Maity Matzer. Kaner is in Mercer Hospital, Trenton, while the others are at their homes. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Frank Devereux returned from his annual fishing trip to Maine with the report that big tuna were few and far between this year.

Anyone catching a fish down around Seaside wearing a set of false teeth will receive a suitable reward by contacting Jack Washburn at Fernwood. Jack got all tangled up with a big wave—not Navy type—while swimming there recently with the resultant loss of his molars.

Jack Mounford has taken on a very large spare time job. He is constructing a new home in the White Horse section of Trenton—doing it himself.

Pete Radice spent his vacation attending the American Federation of Labor Convention at Chicago as a delegate from the Trenton musicians' local.

Bill Lawlor attended the convention held recently by the Loyal Order of Moose at Cleveland, as a delegate of Burlington, N. J.

On the sad side of the ledger we extend our sympathies to Art Nelson, who lost his mother and brother since our last publication; also to John Leadem, whose wife passed away very suddenly; and to Clarence Young, whose mother died recently at her Trenton home.

Rumor has it that the stork has been contacted for a visit to the homes of Frank Cleary and Dick Mulford sometime this month.

Si Pearson comes up with the fishing story of the year. While on a trip out in Delaware Bay on Jess Vanaman's cruiser, Si was having a grand old time when a sudden lurch of the boat caused him to lose his balance. The rod and reel went overboard. As you probably guessed, he had borrowed the equipment from a friend.

Sympathies are extended to Frank O'Brien of Fernwood upon the loss of his son, Dr. Thomas J. O'Brien, who died on September 11. Dr. O'Brien at one time worked for the Highway Department and was a brother of the late Joseph O'Brien, assistant superintendent of Purchase and Stores. During the war he served as a dentist with the Army.

MANY ATTEND ANNUAL OUTING OF 10 YR. CLUB

Enjoy Sports and Food at Plaa's Grove

Those members of the Ten Year Club who journeyed to Plaa's Grove on Saturday, September 13, enjoyed one of the most successful outings in recent years. This was the 16th such affair since the organization of the club and a tribute to the careful planning and hard work of the committee headed by Kenneth Craft of Maintenance.

The quoit tournament, always a highlight at these affairs, was won by Tony Crea and Ed McCardell after a spirited final which they captured from Henry Stephen and Walter Reiman by the close score of 50 to 48. Sixteen two-man teams entered the competition.

John Rochford's Frog Hollow Trio put on their famous McNamara's Band number which has been enjoyed by countless groups in Trenton and vicinity. The climax of this act sees the instruments scattered in pieces, the "band" about exhausted, and the audience convulsed with laughter.

The refreshments were served throughout the day and the outing brought to a fitting close with the distribution of thirty useful door prizes to holders of lucky tickets.

LABORATORY LINES

PEG BEATTY

Mr. Baumann has been hitching a ride to work for the past week due to the fact that his son is using their new Studebaker for his honeymoon trip.

Peg Beatty has just returned from her vacation spent in the Pocono Mountains.

Leon Cartledge will soon be back on the job following his recovery from a recent illness. Glad to see you back again, Leon.

Send Your Interesting Photos to THE HIGHWAY



A fine record was established when the White Horse traffic circle was opened on September 1 to accommodate Labor Day traffic. Construction work on this intersection of Routes 37 and 39 near Trenton was not started until July 28 and was complicated by presence of several utilities. Survey was under the direction of Carl Teegen, while D. H. Johnson supervised construction. The contractor was Weldon Contracting Company of Westfield, N. J.

HIGHWAY BOWLING SEASON OPENS WITH TEN-TEAM LEAGUE

Close Competition Promised as Teams Square Off in First Half

With the same teams forming the State Highway Bowling League that produced the thrilling race right down to the wire last year, the prospect for even keener competition loomed as Highway bowlers opened their 1947-48 season on the Curtis Alleys on September 4.

Fernwood GI's, last year's surprise play-off winner

REAL ESTATE REPORTS

HERMAN KRAMER

It is reported that Fred Vollmer, title officer, who had a heart attack on July 4th while working in his flower garden, is now progressing nicely. He was permitted to leave his bedroom for the first time on Wednesday, September 3rd.

Velt Sams was host to his fellow employees of the Title Division with his annual corn roast at Velt's summer cottage at Scuders Falls.

Frank Skillman, who has resided in Washington's Crossing for the past 23 years, sold his home and bought a new one in Glendale. Jimmy Laffan made his annual two-week trip to Atlantic City and stayed at the Erin Hotel.

Ann Manion and Ed Drake are using the latest drug "pyrazinamine" for their hay fever. Ed believes that it really helps, but Ann, in addition to having her annual hay fever, is also suffering from a case of ivy poison.

The following employees of the Bureau of Negotiation have received permanent appointments as a result of having passed their examinations: Jean Trexler and Bertha Cunningham—both as clerk stenographers; and June Mains, of the Title Bureau, has also been appointed as a Clerk Stenographer.

The following have passed examinations and are awaiting appointments to either a permanent position or an advanced grade: Ralph Del Margio—clerk; Jim Kondas—title searcher; Josephine O'Hara—principal clerk stenographer.

Most of the vacations are over and the girls of this division visited Atlantic City, Spring Lake and other shore points, New England States, Canada, and the Poconos. Sorta get around.

It is regretted that Delores Mata, who has been employed as a temporary stenographer for the summer months, is leaving within the next week or so to return to Temple University.

over Equipment, the regular season leader, at the present writing is in last place with no victories and three defeats. Fernwood Office and Equipment are leading the early race with five wins each followed by Fernwood Guards.

Maintenance has been replaced this year with Administration, but aside from that the league remains the same as last year. League President Tony Crea is anxious to contact all men not now members of one of the teams regularly playing. There is room for a few extra bowlers. The best way to get into this competition is to stop at the Curtis Alleys on any Thursday evening at 9 o'clock and make your desires known.

The present league standings are as follows:

	W.	L.	Pe.
Fernwood Office	5	1	.833
Equipment	5	1	.833
Fernwood Guards	4	2	.666
White Line	3	3	.500
Machine Shop	3	3	.500
Electrical	1	2	.333
Administration	1	2	.333
Maint. Painters	1	2	.333
Inspection	1	5	.200
Fernwood GI's	0	3	.000

Administration Division

ARTHUR EGAN

With deep regret and a profound sense of loss we report the death of Paul F. Cranmer, senior accountant in the Cost Department. His sudden and untimely death came as a shock to all who knew him. Entering the Highway Department in 1919 he served continuously in the Equipment Accounting Division. He was a charter member of the Ten Year Club and a past president of the club. Active in all Highway affairs, he was chairman of the Merit Rating System. An excellent personality plus a keen sense of humor won him a host of friends wherever he was known. His stabilizing influence will long be missed. His family has lost an excellent father, the Department a valued employee, and we a good friend.

We also regret to report the death of Frank Pollock who passed away at St. Francis Hospital following a brief illness. Frank came to the Department in 1917 and retired about a year ago. Our deepest sympathy is extended to those who survive him.

Marilyn Siddal of the Cost Department has announced her engagement to Thomas Kinner of Crosswicks. The wedding is to take place in October. Congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Mayer motored to Tennessee to visit their son and daughter-in-law and to see their new granddaughter. Congratulations, Grandpop!

Bill Wildblood is another grandpop who is enjoying a visit from his daughter and son-in-law and their son Douglas of Chicago.

It is good to welcome Andy Brown back to the office following an extended illness.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mildred Friedman whose father, Edward L. Ford, passed away recently.

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